

Secretaries report
Appleton Comp Plan Cmtte Minutes
Minutes for Feb 24, 2021 zoom meeting

Minutes by Sid Quarrier, Feb 25, 2021

Meeting called to order 7:20 pm Feb 24, 2021
Members present: Diane Schivera, Gary Roberts, Lorie Costigan, Sid Quarrier
Approval of minutes of Jan 27, 2021 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes, seconded, Approved by all present.

Regarding the minutes of the last meeting; Sid Q commented on his suggestion that we look at the way that the Union Comp Plan was structured primarily around the questions in the State's checklist. Suggesting we might consider that as an organizing structure. Sid noted tonight, though others had considered this, as did he, there was general agreement that we liked the very informative, descriptive text of the old Appleton Plan. We concluded that we would like to continue forward on updating that specific material and address the required checklist questions as necessary.

Diane Schivera reported on her efforts to finish off the History section: She has been working her way through the check list. However, she needs to get some additional information relating to the locations of most of the archeological sites.

Regarding the checklist and actions to protect historic structures and sites: There followed a discussion about what extent the Town, through the Planning Board or other town agent can initiate or require a private land owner to take specific action to protect an historic site or structure that they own. At the moment, the best that can be done is to inform the town and private landowners about the historic character. This is a major objective of the Comp Plan process. - there needs to be further discussion of this matter.

Lorie Costigan reported on her work on the Water Resources section. In particular she is waiting for a discussion with the person from the State about the significance of the sand and gravel potential aquifers in the NW part of the town. These are shown in a preliminary way on the water resources map of the Beginning with Habitat map set.

Lorie also noted that the State has some concern about the lower dissolved oxygen levels and elevated phosphorous levels in Sennebec Pond. She will be getting more information about this. She said she is well along on the Water Resources Section.

Gary Roberts reported on his and Sid's combined work on the Natural Resources section. Of particular interest was getting the State's definition of Critical Natural Resources for the Comp Plan process. These resources are collected from the results of 8 or 9 separate Federal and State data sets. Everything from rare plants to significant natural habitat. Gary and Sid will continue on this and on updating the text in the old plan.

Lorie Costigan mentioned that it was coming on to new budget time, and it was voted to submit a similar request as last year; \$ 1,500.

The next meeting was set for Wed March 24, 2021, 7 pm; Vote to adjourn, 8: 55 pm

Old business:

Update on Historical section by Diane.

Update on Water Resources section by Lorie

Update on Natural Resources section by Sid and Gary.

New Business:

Adjourn